



May 6, 2025

SDAPCD Planning & Policy Committee  
County Administration Center  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302  
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Assembly Bill 652 (Alvarez) – OPPOSE

Dear SDAPCD Planning and Policy Committee:

On behalf of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and the undersigned partner organizations, we respectfully share our strong opposition to Assembly Bill 652 (San Diego County Air Pollution Control District: governing board: alternate members) and urge the Senate to oppose this bill. As the largest local chamber on the west coast, we represent approximately 2,000 regional businesses and 300,000 employees and we, along with our partners, believe AB 652 takes an inequitable approach to the appointment process for governing board members.

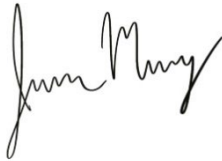
Our main concern is the addition of a weighted vote during the City Selection Committee process for Air Pollution Control District (APCD) appointments. In cases of a tie, like we saw just this year, the selection committee breaks a tie by a vote of the whole. Basing the tie-breaking vote on population size, as proposed, this bill grants disproportionate influence to larger cities like San Diego and Chula Vista despite APCD's regional importance and impact on all municipalities within the region. This would effectively allow these larger cities to override the voices of smaller municipalities within the same supervisorial district. This approach undermines the principle of equitable representation and risks marginalizing the interest of our region's smaller cities.

Additionally, while we understand the desire to stagger future appointments to the APCD board, giving two district appointees a 2-year term in 2029 will unfairly diminish the influence of the members from Supervisorial Districts 4 and 5, and not allowing appointees to serve terms equitable to their colleagues from other districts. The APCD makes rules that impact every person and business in San Diego County –

and we believe keeping concurrent 4-year terms for board members is the best way to ensure every voice is heard and represented on the board.

For these reasons, we respectfully request the Senate's opposition to this bill. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Cazares, Policy Advisor, at [LCazares@sdchamber.org](mailto:LCazares@sdchamber.org).

Respectfully,



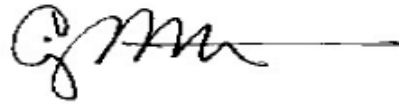
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